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Applicant: Fumito TAKEMOTO Conf.: 8383  
Appl. No.: 09/842,908 Group: 2612  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM THEREFOR

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned as to the status of the above-identified application as follows:

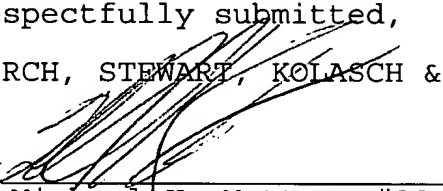
**Status of Office Action**

A duplicate copy of the present Status Inquiry is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the duplicate copy be marked appropriately to indicate the status of the above-identified application and returned to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Please call the undersigned if there are any questions with regard to the present request.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☐ Awaiting Action from Patent Office Examiner - Expected Date for Action is: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Awaiting Decision by Board of Appeals.
- ☐ Application allowed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Abandoned per \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.